

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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	:	<input type="checkbox"/> PROVISIONAL ORDER
	:	OF DISCIPLINE
Patricia Canavan, RN	:	
License # 26NO06913200	:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FINAL ORDER
	:	OF DISCIPLINE
	:	(Finalized by default
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE	:	on _____)
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Patricia Canavan ("Respondent") is a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. On or about April 2, 2015, Respondent completed and submitted an online biennial renewal application. Respondent was asked on the biennial renewal application whether Respondent

would have "completed the required continuing education credits by May 31, 2015," referring to the biennial renewal period of June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2015. Respondent answered "Yes" and certified that answer by submitting the online application. Respondent also answered "Yes" to the question which asked whether Respondent completed the required one hour course on Organ and Tissue Donation.

3. The Board sent a letter of inquiry requesting, in part, documentation of completed continuing education to Respondent's address of record in Westwood, New Jersey, via regular and certified mail on or about May 22, 2015. The regular mailing was not returned. The receipt of the certified mailing was signed upon delivery on June 01 2015.

4. On July 15, 2015 Respondent provided, to the satisfaction of the Board, proof of completion of thirty(30) continuing education hours which has been applied to cure the deficiency of the June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2015 biennial period. (Exhibit D)

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3(b), nurses are required to complete a minimum of thirty (30) hours of continuing education during the preceding biennial period in order to renew their licenses. By February 7, 2014, every Registered Professional

Nurse was required to complete a one hour course on organ and tissue donation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3(j). Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3(f), nurses are required to maintain documentation of completion of continuing education for a period of four years after completion, and shall submit such documentation to the Board upon request.

Respondent failed to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Board, that Respondent completed the continuing education credits required for renewal during the biennial period of June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2015. The Board therefore finds Respondent in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3(b) and 13:37-5.3(f), which in turn subjects Respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

Respondent's misrepresentation during the license renewal process of the continuing education information constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), subjecting Respondent to sanctions.

Based on the Foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on October 29, 2015 and a copy served on respondent. The provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 pm on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a

modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Respondent responded to the Order and provided documentation of successful completion of 30 continuing education hours and a money order in the amount of \$250.00.

Respondent's submissions were reviewed by the Board, and the Board determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that the material discrepancies had been raised. The board was not persuaded that the submitted material merited further consideration, as respondent did not dispute the Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 26th day of April, 2016,

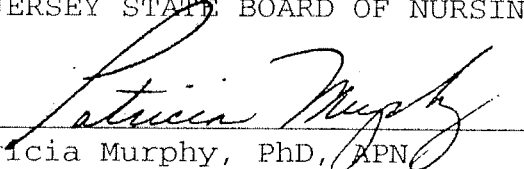
ORDERED that:

1. A reprimand is imposed on Respondent for misrepresenting the continuing education information on the license renewal application.

2. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for failing to timely complete required continuing education.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: _____


Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President